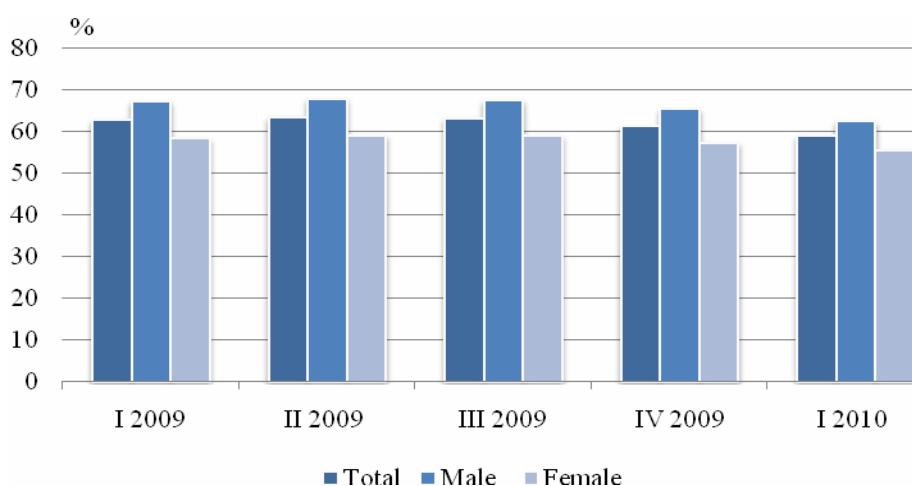


MAIN LABOUR FORCE SURVEY RESULTS FIRST QUARTER 2010

1. Main labour market indicators for the population aged 15-64

According to the results from the Labour Force Survey, carried out by the National Statistical Institute in the first quarter of 2010 **the number of economically active population aged 15-64** was 3 308.2 thousand, or 65.5% of the population in the same age group. By sex the activity rate was 69.9% for men and 61.1% for women. The total activity rate fell by 1.4 percentage points in comparison with the first quarter of 2009 (by 1.9 percentage points for men and by 1.1 percentage points for women).

In the first quarter of 2010 **the employment rate of population aged 15-64** recorded a fall by 3.8 percentage points compared to the same quarter of 2009 and stood at 58.8%. By sex a bigger fall was observed for men and the employment rates achieved 62.3% for men and 55.3% for women respectively.



Employment rates (15-64) by sex, by quarters

The **employment rate of older people (aged 55-64)** was 43.9%, by 1.4 percentage points lower compared to the same quarter of 2009 as the decrease was by 2.2 percentage points for men in this age group, and by 1.0 percentage point for women. In employment were 51.3% of men aged 55-64 and 37.5% of women of the same age.

The **economically inactive population aged 15-64** was 1 744.1 thousand, or 34.5% of the population in the same age group. Of all economically inactive persons 754.2 thousand were men and 989.9 thousand were women.

The **discouraged persons aged 15-64** were 226.5 thousand, or 13.0% of the economically inactive population of the same age group. In comparison with the first quarter of 2009 their number rose by 66.5 thousand.

2. Main characteristics of the employed persons aged 15 and over

In the first quarter of 2010 the total number of **employed persons aged 15 and over** was 3 011.3 thousand and had a relative share of 46.1% of population of the same age. Compared with the same period of 2009 their number decreased by 7.7% and their relative share - by 3.4 percentage points. Of the employed persons aged 15 and over 1 591.8 thousand (52.9%) were men and 1 419.5 thousand (47.1%) were women.

Of the total number of working population in this age group 3.4% were employers, 7.9% - self-employed, 87.7% - employees and 1.0% - unpaid family workers. Of all employees 1 899.5 thousand (71.9%) were working in the private sector and 741.7 thousand (28.1%) - in the public sector. The share of women of all employees in the private sector was 44.2%, and of the employees in the public sector - 59.6%.

In the first quarter of 2010 more than a half (59.8%) of the total number of employed persons- 1 799.9 thousand, were engaged in the Service sector, 1 022.6 thousand (34.0%) - in the Industry, and 188.8 thousand (6.3%) - in the Agriculture and forestry sector. Compared with the first quarter of 2009 the biggest drop in the number of employed persons was in the Industry - by 13.7%.

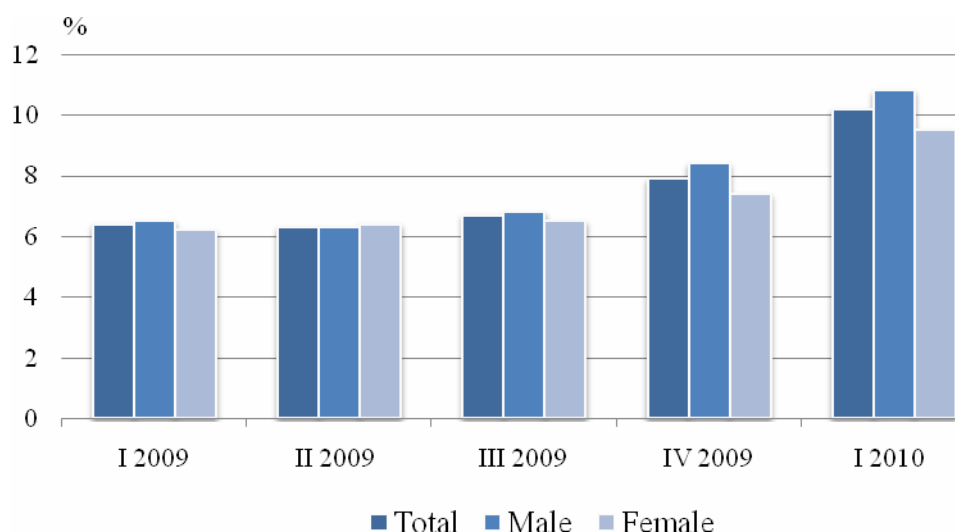
3. Unemployment

In the first quarter of 2010 the number of **unemployed persons** achieved 341.0 thousand and **the unemployment rate** - 10.2%. In comparison with the same quarter of 2009 the number of unemployed went up by 118.8 thousand and the unemployment rate rose by 3.8 percentage points.

The increase of male unemployment rate was by one percentage point higher than that of female unemployment rate (4.3 and 3.3 percentage points respectively). In the first quarter of 2010 the unemployment rate stood at 10.8% for men against 9.5% for women.

The unemployed aged 15-24 was 60.2 thousand and the unemployment rate for the same age group was 23.8% , 25.3% for men and 21.3% for women respectively.

The proportion of unemployed with the duration of unemployment less than a year continued to rise. In the first quarter of 2010 it was 2.1 percentage points up compared with a year ago and stood at 58.2% (198.3 thousand) of the total number of unemployed. The number of long-term unemployed also went up for the period concerned but to a lesser degree, reaching 142.6 thousand. The long-term unemployment rate was 4.3% (1.5 percentage points higher than in the first quarter of 2009), 4.5% for men and 4.0% for women respectively.



Unemployment rates by sex, by quarters

METHODOLOGICAL NOTES

The Labour Force Survey (LFS) is a continuous sample survey providing quarterly and annual data on the economic activity of the population aged 15 and over. The survey covers non-institutional households.

Reference period - the characteristics of each interviewee refer to his/her status during a defined calendar week.

Economically active population (labour force) comprises of all employed and unemployed persons.

Employed are persons aged 15 and over who during the reference period:

- performed some work for at least one hour for pay in cash or in kind or other income;
- did not work but had a job or an enterprise, a business from which they were temporarily absent due to illness, annual leave, full-paid maternity leave, parental leave, strike or another labour dispute, etc.

Unemployed are persons aged 15 to 74 who:

- did not work at all during the reference period;
- were actively seeking work within the preceding four weeks, including the reference one or have found a new job or business that is expected to start within 3 months following the reference period;
- were available to start working within two weeks following the reference period.

Long-term unemployed are persons who have been unemployed for one or more years.

Economically inactive population (persons not in the labour force) includes persons aged 15 and over who were neither employed, nor unemployed during the reference period.

Discouraged persons are persons not in the labour force who want to work but they do not actively look for a job, because they do not believe they will find one.

Activity rate - ratio between the economically active population and the total population of the same age group.

Employment rate - ratio between the employed population and the total population of the same age group.

Unemployment rate - ratio between the unemployed persons and the economically active population.

Long-term unemployment rate - ratio between the long-term unemployed persons and the economically active population.

Inactivity rate - ratio between the economically inactive population and the total population of the same age group.

The distribution of the employed persons by economic sector is done in accordance with the Classification of Economic Activities - 2008.

For the assessment of the results the current demographic data as of 31 December 2009 for the total population are used.

As in all sample surveys data from the labour force survey are subject of errors due to the sample (stochastic errors).

The calculated relative standard errors for the main LFS indicators for the first quarter of 2010 are as follows:

- total number of employed - 1.2%;
- total number of unemployed - 3.9%;
- unemployment rate - 3.5%.

Because of the rounding of the figures some of the totals (rows and columns) are not equal to the sum of the components.

APPENDIX

MAIN LABOUR MARKET INDICATORS FIRST QUARTER OF 2009 AND 2010

	First quarter 2009	First quarter 2010	Change (first quarter 2010 toward first quarter 2009)
Total			
Activity rate (15 - 64) - %	66.9	65.5	-1.4
Employed persons aged 15 and over - thousands	3262.8	3011.3	-251.5
Employed persons aged 15 - 64 - thousands	3214.0	2969.1	-244.9
Employed persons aged 15 - 24 - thousands	249.7	193.2	-56.5
Employed persons aged 55 - 64 - thousands	447.9	424.9	-23.0
Employment rate (15 and over) - %	49.5	46.1	-3.4
Employment rate (15 - 64) - %	62.6	58.8	-3.8
Employment rate (15 - 24) - %	25.8	20.7	-5.1
Employment rate (55 - 64) - %	45.3	43.9	-1.4
Unemployed persons - total - thousands	222.2	341.0	118.8
Unemployed persons aged 15 - 64 - thousands	220.3	339.0	118.7
Unemployed persons aged 15 - 24 - thousands	41.4	60.2	18.8
Unemployment rate - %	6.4	10.2	3.8
Unemployment rate (15 - 64) - %	6.4	10.2	3.8
Unemployment rate (15 - 24) - %	14.2	23.8	9.6
Long-term unemployment rate - %	2.8	4.3	1.5
Discouraged persons - total - thousands	162.5	229.5	67.0
Discouraged persons aged 15 - 64 - thousands	160.0	226.5	66.5

**MAIN LABOUR MARKET INDICATORS
FIRST QUARTER OF 2009 AND 2010**

(Continued)

	First quarter 2009	First quarter 2010	Change (first quarter 2010 toward first quarter 2009)
Male			
Activity rate (15 - 64) - %	71.8	69.9	-1.9
Employed persons aged 15 and over - thousands	1738.7	1591.8	-146.9
Employed persons aged 15 - 64 - thousands	1703.9	1561.5	-142.4
Employed persons aged 15 - 24 - thousands	141.4	115.0	-26.4
Employed persons aged 55 - 64 - thousands	241.3	229.2	-12.1
Employment rate (15 and over) - %	55.1	50.8	-4.3
Employment rate (15 - 64) - %	67.1	62.3	-4.8
Employment rate (15 - 24) - %	28.5	24.1	-4.4
Employment rate (55 - 64) - %	53.5	51.3	-2.2
Unemployed persons - total - thousands	121.8	192.6	70.8
Unemployed persons aged 15 - 64 - thousands	120.4	192.0	71.6
Unemployed persons aged 15 - 24 - thousands	28.6	39.0	10.4
Unemployment rate - %	6.5	10.8	4.3
Unemployment rate (15 - 64) - %	6.6	10.9	4.3
Unemployment rate (15 - 24) - %	16.8	25.3	8.5
Long-term unemployment rate - %	2.7	4.5	1.8
Discouraged persons - total - thousands	84.0	123.2	39.2
Discouraged persons aged 15 - 64 - thousands	82.2	121.5	39.3

**MAIN LABOUR MARKET INDICATORS
FIRST QUARTER OF 2009 AND 2010**

(Continued and end)

	First quarter 2009	First quarter 2010	Change (first quarter 2010 toward first quarter 2009)
Female			
Activity rate (15 - 64) - %	62.2	61.1	-1.1
Employed persons aged 15 and over - thousands	1524.1	1419.5	-104.6
Employed persons aged 15 - 64 - thousands	1510.1	1407.6	-102.5
Employed persons aged 15 - 24 - thousands	108.3	78.2	-30.1
Employed persons aged 55 - 64 - thousands	206.6	195.7	-10.9
Employment rate (15 and over) - %	44.5	41.7	-2.8
Employment rate (15 - 64) - %	58.3	55.3	-3.0
Employment rate (15 - 24) - %	22.9	17.2	-5.7
Employment rate (55 - 64) - %	38.5	37.5	-1.0
Unemployed persons - total - thousands	100.4	148.4	48.0
Unemployed persons aged 15 - 64 - thousands	99.9	147.1	47.2
Unemployed persons aged 15 - 24 - thousands	12.8	21.1	8.3
Unemployment rate - %	6.2	9.5	3.3
Unemployment rate (15 - 64) - %	6.2	9.5	3.3
Unemployment rate (15 - 24) - %	10.5	21.3	10.8
Long-term unemployment rate - %	2.9	4.0	1.1
Discouraged persons - total - thousands	78.5	106.3	27.8
Discouraged persons aged 15 - 64 - thousands	77.7	105.0	27.3